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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed January 31, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.

An **Attachment** to this paper includes a machine language translation of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H06-343599 to Mitsuru ("Mitsuru") obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office.